



**BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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In the Matter of the Application of the Golden State Water Company (U 133 W) for an order authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$2,937,400 or 36.15% in 2008; by \$455,100 or 4.09% in 2009; and by \$310,900 or 2.67% in 2010 in its Santa Maria Customer Service Area

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**GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY
NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE**

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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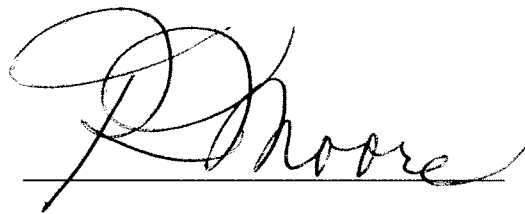
**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING
(PPH Notice)**

**Notice of Public Participation Hearing
And Request for Public Comment
Golden State Water Company
Santa Maria Service Area
Application No. 07-01-014**

RONALD MOORE, deposes and says: That he caused to be mailed, postage paid to each water customer of Golden State Water Company in the territory of the Santa Maria Service Area, on April 17, 2007, Notice of Public Participation Hearing And Request for Public Comment by Golden State Water Company Santa Maria Service Area for Application No. 07-01-014, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby made part of this affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at San Dimas, California, on April 26, 2007.

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Ronald Moore

**Notice of Public Participation Hearing
And Request for Public Comment
Golden State Water Company
Santa Maria Service Area
Application No. 07-01-014**

Dear Customer,

The California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") is seeking public comment on Application No. 07-01-014 by Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") to increase rates for water service in 2008, 2009 and 2010. As part of its decision-making process, the Commission is interested in your comments on any aspect of the company's operation including proposed rates, service quality or any other issue of concern.

GSWC has filed an application with the Commission requesting authorization to increase revenue in the Santa Maria Service Area by \$2,937,400 or 36.15% over present revenues for 2008, an increase of \$455,100 or 4.09% in 2009, and an additional increase of \$310,900 or 2.67% in 2010. GSWC contends that the increase in rates is necessitated by the effects of the Company's investment in water system improvements, as well as increased operating costs for items such as the cost of postage, liability insurance, depreciation, materials, purchased services, cost of capital, the General Office allocated costs, labor and taxes.

If the application is approved with the proposed rate increases, the effect on a commercial or residential customer on Schedule No. SM-1 with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter, using 26 Ccf per month will be \$17.00 or 36.67%, an increase from \$46.37 to \$63.37 per month for 2008. The rate change for 2009 would be an increase of \$2.52 per month or 3.98% and the monthly change for 2010 would be \$1.74 or 2.64%.

The effect on a residential customer on Schedule No. SM-1 with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter, using 21 Ccf per month will be \$14.73 or 36.22%, an increase from \$40.68 to \$55.41 per month for 2008. The rate change for 2009 would be an increase of \$2.28 per month or 4.11% and the monthly change for 2010 would be \$1.55 or 2.69%.

The Public Participation Hearing ("PPH") provides the public an opportunity to comment on GSWC's Application. Customers have the option to submit written comments or make a brief oral statement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING FOR APPLICATION NO. 07-01-014

Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
Santa Maria City Hall Council Chambers
110 East Cook Street
Santa Maria, California 93454

The Commission's policy is to hold public meetings at locations that are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need special accommodations, e.g. sign language interpreters, please contact the Commission's Public Advisor's Office at (415) 703-2074, toll-free at 1-866-849-8390, or TTY (415) 703-5282 or toll-free TTY at 1-866-836-7825, at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Public Comment

Written public comment by GSWC customers is very much desired by the Commission and may be sent to the Public Advisor's Office. The Public Advisor's Office was established to assist members of the public who want to participate in Commission proceedings. If you wish to participate or comment on this application, please contact the Commission's Public Advisor's Office, 320 West 4th Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013, or by e-mail to public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov. Please state that you are writing about Golden State Water Company Application No. 07-01-014.

Your comments will become part of the formal correspondence file for the proceeding and will be circulated to the assigned Administrative Law Judge, appropriate Commission staff, and to the Commissioners. Comments will also be tallied and the numbers received will be reported to key Commission staff on a regular basis.

The Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing. An evidentiary hearing is devoted to analyzing the need for the proposed rate increase and the allocation of any approved increase among different classes of customers. At these hearings the Commission will receive the expert testimony of GSWC, the Commission's independent Division of Ratepayer Advocates ("DRA"), and other interested parties. The DRA staff consists of engineers, accountants, economists, and attorneys who independently evaluate the proposals of utilities and present their recommendations to the Commission.

When the Commission acts upon the decision, it may adopt all or part of it as written, amend or modify it, or set it aside and prepare its own decision. The Commission's final decision may be quite different from GSWC's request. The Commission may authorize interim rates if the final decision in this application does not go into effect on January 1, 2008. When the Commission issues its final decision, any difference between the final rates and the interim rates will be either refunded or recovered from GSWC's customers in the future.

Obtaining a Copy of the Application

A copy of GSWC's Application No. 07-01-014 and related exhibits may be examined at the following GSWC locations:

- GSWC General Office located at 630 East Foothill Blvd., San Dimas, California 91773;
- Santa Maria Customer Service Area Office located at 2330 A Street, Unit A, Santa Maria, California 93455.

Copies are also available for review at the California Public Utilities Commission offices at 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles and 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

If you need additional information, you may call the Golden State Water Company Customer Service Center, toll free, at 1-800-999-4033, 24 hours a day.

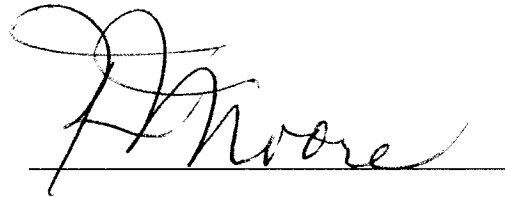
Si necesita asistencia en Español, tenemos representantes de servicio al cliente disponibles para ayudarle cuando lo solicite.

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day by U. S. Postal Service served a true copy of the attached **Notice of Public Participation Hearing And Request For Public Comment Golden State Water Company Santa Maria Service Area Request for Public Comments Application No. 07-01-014** on all parties listed on the attached Service List.

Dated April 26, 2007 at San Dimas, California.

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Ronald Moore

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

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